

2019 INTERNATIONAL ACAC EXECUTIVE BOARD APPLICATION

Name: Dean Mendes

Title: Associate Director of Admissions

Member Type: College/University

Institution: Skidmore College

Location: United States



Position for which you are applying:

Delegate to the NACAC Assembly

PUBLIC BALLOT INFORMATION

Provide information regarding your professional roles:

2007-present: Skidmore College, Associate Director of Admissions, Coordinator of International Recruiting and Diversity Initiatives

2010-present: responsible for developing and cultivating a strategic international recruitment plan

2015-present: coordinator of international recruitment and application decision committee

2005-2007: University of California/Berkeley, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach

2003-2005: University of Vermont, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach

2002-2003: Boston College, Women's Basketball Administrative Assistant

1998-2002: Brown University, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach

Provide information regarding your International ACAC, NACAC, and/or other international education organizational experience.

2010-present: member of International ACAC

2017-present: member of International ACAC Committee on Issues of Diversity

2018-present: member-at-large, Executive Board, International ACAC

2007-present: member of NACAC

2017-present: member of CIS

October 2015: Fulbright Scholar, International Education Administrators Program, Germany. The essence of my Fulbright program was to connect with administrators within German higher education and government and to gain an in-depth understanding of education and policies in Germany as well as the European Union.

Please provide a maximum 250-word statement of your experiences, why you wish to run for the International ACAC Board, and other relevant information you would like members to know about you.

I have had various roles in my career in education, however, my experiences for the past nine years in international education have been the most rewarding. I have comprehensive experience in recruiting and supporting international students through the application/enrollment process and understand the evolving issues around inclusion they encounter.

My experience on the Executive Board has helped to increase my knowledge of the inner workings of our organization and to better understand the needs of our membership. Although I still have a lot to learn, the process of integrating onto the Board would be relatively seamless. I have had an inside look into what the delegate position entails and spoke at length with those currently serving in that capacity. I have also witnessed the delegate assembly at NACAC and have an understanding of the importance of that process in dictating policies that greatly affect our organization.

I have served as a member of the Committee on Issues of Diversity since July of 2017. I have significant training in diversity and inclusion pedagogy and in my time on the Board and the committee I have helped to implement measures to help our organization become more equitable. Specifically, I have helped lead to changes in our membership registration and renewal application to include more ways to identify ourselves. I have also coordinated a search for diversity trainers to provide free training for all members during our conference next July. I would be honored to serve you as a delegate.